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1. As many as 41 single-engine aircraft with in-line engines were counted at the COTTBUS (N 52/A 57) airfield between 7 and 11 August 1949. * The aircraft, parked in double rows in front of the hangars, were painted gray [redacted] on their rudder assemblies. There was little flying. Groups of 10 soldiers, who were apparently receiving instruction, were standing beside the planes.
2. A 7-foot board fence was being erected starting at the hangars and continuing along the road in the direction of BURG (N 52/A 47). According to a construction contractor, other quarters and cantonment buildings were under construction behind the hangars. **
3. A German employed there stated that the airfield was occupied by about 500 men, including officers.. Most of the soldiers were very young. Col YESSOV was one of the officers. ***

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- * [redacted] Comment: The observed single-engine aircraft presumably are IL-10s. According to previous reports [redacted] two ground attack regiments were assumed to be stationed in COTTBUS.

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** This construction work is reported for the first time.

*** Col YESSOV is not listed in the files.

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